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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SEPARATE BOGIES FOR HANDICAPPED PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether separate bogies are provided in trains for handicapped passengers keeping in view their difficulties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Government are formulating any scheme in this regard; and

(d) if so, the time by which this scheme is likely to be introduced in all the trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)&(b): Keeping in view the difficulties faced by handicapped passengers , Railways have started manufacturing a new design of Second Class, Guard cum luggage type coach (SLR) with accommodation specially adapted for handicapped passengers from April, 2001 onwards. These coaches have special adaptations like wider door-way, aisle and knee space to permit movement of wheel chair, adapted toilets, inside hand rail etc. to facilitate use by disabled passengers.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): All new SLR type coaches will be manufactured to the new disabled friendly design. Development is still continuing to further improve the facilities and aids available on such coaches.

(e): Railways produce about 200 SLR type coaches per year, a part of which goes towards replacement of existing fleet of SLRs. Progressively, more trains will be covered using new coaches of this design manufactured every year. As this will be a continuous process, no time frame can be fixed at this stage for completion